

# ***TASK FORCE ON THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE AQUACULTURE IN MAINE***

## Meeting #4

- ❖ Public Trust
- ❖ Submerged Lands Leasing
- ❖ Municipal Jurisdiction
- ❖ Economic Impacts and Future Growth Potential of Aquaculture

Tradewinds Motor Inn  
2 Park Drive  
Rockland, Maine

Directions at <http://www.tradewindsmaine.com/directions.html>

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## **DRAFT AGENDA**

**COMMENTS PLEASE TO BRUCE STEDMAN ([bstedman@resolv.org](mailto:bstedman@resolv.org))**

### ***Meeting Objectives:***

- ❖ Receive advice and suggestions directly from members of the public on issues and concerns that should be addressed by the Task Force
- ❖ Understand the state's role as trustee of submerged lands
- ❖ Explore use of the submerged lands policy for coastal management
- ❖ Begin crafting ideas for regulatory or other changes regarding municipal jurisdiction and offer direction to staff for additional work
- ❖ Begin discussion of recommendations on bay management
- ❖ Finalize the TF vision statement
- ❖ Understand current economic status of, and future outlook for, marine aquaculture
- ❖ Begin crafting ideas for economic development-related recommendations and offer direction to staff for additional work

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2003

8-8:30 a.m.

**Gather**

8:30-9 a.m.

**Task Force Work Session: Vision Statement**

Expected Outcome:

- ❖ Finalize vision statement

Materials: Revised vision statement

9-10:45 a.m.

**Background Session: Public Trust and Submerged Lands Leasing**

Jeff Pidot  
Office of the Attorney General

Purpose: Review the state's role as "trustee" of submerged lands

Dan Prichard  
Department of Conservation

Expected Outcomes:

- ❖ Improve understanding of state's authority and responsibilities in managing public lands
- ❖ Understand Dept of Conservation leasing process
- ❖ Understand federal, state and municipal jurisdiction
- ❖ Understand opportunities and constraints for using the public trust doctrine as a coastal management tool

Dave Schmanska  
Harbormaster, Town of St. George  
SAP Member

Kathleen Leyden  
Maine Coastal Program  
(moderator)

Materials: Aquaculture and Use Conflicts: Implications of the Public Trust Doctrine and Riparian Rights by Eichenberg and Vestal, 1992; Municipal Participation in Submerged Lands Leasing Decisions, Marine Law Institute 1992; Dave Schmanska (SAP) white paper on municipal jurisdiction (to be sent under separate cover), Background memo Municipal Jurisdiction, Andrew Fisk

10:45-11 a.m.

**Break**

11-12:30 p.m.

Paul Anderson  
Task Force Chair

Bruce Stedman  
Facilitator

### **Task Force Work Session: Municipal Jurisdiction and Bay Management**

Purpose: Process information presented to date on issues concerning municipal jurisdiction. Discuss bay management proposal.

Expected Outcomes:

- ❖ Complete review of draft bay management proposal and consensus reached on initial approach to bay management recommendations
- ❖ Initiation of discussion about changes needed in regulations concerning municipal jurisdiction
- ❖ Initial framing of approach to these changes
- ❖ Directive to staff on followup materials

Materials: same as opening a.m. session, also Chair's Draft (Bay Area Management Recommendation to the Legislature)

12:30-12:45 p.m.

### **SAP Check-in with Task Force**

12:45-1:30 p.m.

### **Lunch (on site)**

### **SAP meeting with Facilitator (if needed)**

1:30-3:15 p.m.  
(details below)

### **Background Session: Economic Characteristics, Challenges and Future Outlook for Marine Aquaculture in Maine**

Purpose: Understand business viability, growth potential, economic impact and current and future economic issues that affect aquaculture

Expected Outcomes:

- ❖ Understand the business viability and growth potential for eight aquacultured species

- ❖ Understand the types of changes that could improve Maine's business climate

Materials: Draft economic study

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Michael Gardner  
Gardner Pinfold Consulting Economists,  
Halifax, NS  
Andrew Storey  
Aquaculture Management Services, Inc.  
St. John, NB

Presentation of Draft Economic Study by  
Michael Gardner,  
Q/A by Task Force

2:30-3:15 p.m.

Sue Inches  
Maine Dept of Marine Resources

Panel Discussion – Challenges for  
Successful Businesses, Pros and Cons of  
Maine's Business Climate for Marine  
Aquaculture

Grace Cleaves  
CEO, Maine Coast Products

Peter Cowin  
Managing Director, Seabait Ltd.

3<sup>rd</sup> Panelist TBA

3:15-3:30 p.m.

**Response to Economic Study and Panel–  
Rob Bauer, SAP  
Continued Response to Economic Study  
and Panel by SAP**

3:30 – 4 p.m.

Note – no formal afternoon break is  
scheduled – please take an informal break  
when and if you need to.

4-5:30 p.m.

**TF Work Session:** Economic  
Development Support, Blaine House  
Conference on Natural-Resource Based  
Industries.

Sue Inches  
Maine Department of Marine Resources

Purpose: Discuss and craft economic  
development-related recommendations  
Discuss Blaine House conference

Paul Anderson  
Task Force Chair

Bruce Stedman  
Facilitator

Expected Outcomes:

- ❖ Initial framing of approaches to economic development-related recommendations
- ❖ Direction provided to staff for followup

Materials: Draft Economic Study;  
Blaine House Conference  
Recommendations

5:30-5:45 p.m.

**SAP afternoon check-in**

5:45-6 p.m.

**Wrap up, assignments, next meeting**

6-7 p.m.

**Dinner** (on site)

7-10 p.m.

**Public Meeting #2**